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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.27(c)

Dear Sir:

Applicants assert their entitlement to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27(c) for the above-identified patent. It is respectfully requested that the above-identified patent be subject to small entity fees.

Applicants believe that no fees are due with this submission, however, if Applicants are in error, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-4876 under Order No. 119407-12101.

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